

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bostic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Allen Shelton, Mike Buckley, Bill Goins and Cindy Humphrey answering role call. Council Member, Bob Bridges was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Ron Wilson, and Mike Selke, WIFE Radio.

MINUTES * * * *

Minutes of the February 18, 2011 meeting were presented for approval. Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * * *

None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT * * * *

Goins thanked the Departments for their diligent efforts during the recent bad weather. He also suggested with the enormous amount of branches that are down after the storm that the Park Department implement a "community day" for clean up. He said that volunteers could bring wheel barrows and help clean up the debris.

Bostic also thanked the employees for their hard work.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * * *

Police - Cameron reported that the new 911 equipment and recorder are being installed.

He said that Tim Williams and John Wall will be retiring within the next few weeks.

The Trane Company donated \$1,000.00 to the reserves.

Fire – The Board of Works approved a contract with Roger and Christie Cain for the rental of the farm land.

Park – Mathews thanked everyone that helped with the Valentine's dance.

Animal – Nickel handed out a monthly report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * * *

None.

NEW BUSINESS * * * *

Windgate Properties/Weed Liens – Troy Tarvin from Windgate Properties came before Council to request that Council either reduce or waive liens on 3 properties. The properties were purchased at tax sale. He said these properties are ready to take to deed, but he has to pay the taxes and liens and was asking Council for consideration to get the properties back on the tax role. After lengthy discussion, Buckley made a motion not to reduce or waive the liens on the 3 properties. Goins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewal/Kevin Mandrell – Kevin Mandrell informed Council of insurance renewals. Mandrell said there was no change in the dental. However, there was an increase in the medical insurance of 27%. He has asked that the employees fill out a form fire questionnaire and with this information he has asked for additional quotes. He is hoping to have the quote within the next few days. He also said information is being submitted to IACT to get a quote through the medical trust. He said the health care reform played a small role in the increase.

Resolution 2011-1 Non-Reverting Fund for Fire Department – Humphrey asked how much of this money would be used to reduce the Fire Department's general budget. Jenkins said he had no problem with using some of this money to reduce his general fund budget. He asked that it be a percentage since the amounts would vary. It was agreed that Wilson will revise the resolution to include that 50% of the revenue be used toward the Fire Department's general budget.

Ordinance 2011-2 Amending Animal Control Ordinance – The ordinance was presented for approval. Animal Control Warden, Mark Nickel, suggested revising the portion of the fee for euthanasia per pound. He was concerned that the fee of \$25.00 may cause the veterinarians to lose some business because it would be so much cheaper to bring the animals to him and that was not his intention. Goins made a motion to approve the ordinance with the euthanasia fee changes. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wilson will revise the ordinance for signatures.

Ordinance 2011-3 Trash Collection Fee – Copley said we need to wait until we receive the feasibility study from Umbaugh before this is approved. Buckley made a motion to table the matter. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emerson Request for Extension – Goins made a motion to approve the extension of time for Emerson to file their CF-1's for their tax abatement. Buckley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Goins made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Humphrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Buckley made a motion to adjourn. Goins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

MERVYN R. BOSTIC, MAYOR

ALLEN W. SHELTON, MEMBER

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

MICHAEL BUCKLEY, MEMBER

WILLIAM R. GOINS, MEMBER

CINDRA K. HUMPHREY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER